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## TBI ADDS RAPE SUSPECT TO TOP TEN MOST WANTED

**Nashville, TN-** The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation has added a man accused of raping three different women on his houseboat to its list of Top Ten Most Wanted fugitives in an effort to locate him and arrest him for the charges against him.

Payam Zanjanipour, 36, last known address 415 Church Street #2913, Nashville, TN, is wanted by the Hendersonville Police Department for three counts of rape. During the summer of 2008, Zanjanipour raped three different victims on three different occasions. All the victims describe the same scenario. They were on the suspect's houseboat on Old Hickory Lake, docked at 441 Sanders Ferry Road, Hendersonville, TN and described feeling drugged after consuming a drink and raped in a bedroom.

Zanjanipour has a criminal history from 1999 when he was arrested by the Metro Nashville Police Department for possessing methamphetamine with intent.



Zanjanipour is described as a 5'11" white male weighing approximately 240 lbs. He has brown hair and brown eyes. Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Payam Zanjanipour is urged to call the **TBI** at **1-800-TBI-FIND**. There is a \$1,000 reward for information leading to his arrest.